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## City of Riverside to Hold “Spirit of Riverside Fourth of July Celebration Week”

*Week of public service events starts Monday*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside will hold a Spirit of Riverside Fourth of July Celebration Week starting Monday, including a week of activities that allow residents to honor our nation’s independence through service to others.

The week kicks off on Monday with an Act of Service Day and concludes on July 4<sup>th</sup> with a Bike With the Mayor event. Residents are encouraged to document on social media, using the hashtag #SpiritofRiverside, ways they are celebrating with friends or family, how they are decorating their homes and businesses in patriotic themes, and how they view the city’s spirit.

“Riverside is a patriotic community, and the Spirit of Riverside celebration gives us a way to demonstrate that patriotism all week long,” Mayor Rusty Bailey said. “Whether its showing love to your neighbors through acts of service or enjoying a family bike ride with me on July 4th, I challenge all Riversiders to safely celebrate, connect, and serve.”

Options for participating in the Spirit of Riverside event include joining into the National Anthem Singing Collage, which will be broadcast on RiversideTV and the City’s social media platforms. Specific information can be found at <https://riversideca.gov/spiritofriverside>.

The complete list of events scheduled for each day includes:

June 29 – Act of Service Day – Help a neighbor or someone in need, then share a photo or video with the #SpiritofRiverside hashtag.

June 30 – Food Drive Collaborative -- Love Riverside and the city’s Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will host a collaborative effort to collect food for local Riverside pantries from 9-11 a.m. at Hunt Park, 4015 Jackson St.

July 1 – Blood Drive -- Donate blood through a drive-through blood donation event from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Orange Terrace Park, 20010 Orange Terrace Pkwy. A food distribution drive is scheduled for

8-10:30 a.m. at La Sierra University Church, 4937 Sierra Vista Ave.; and 10-12 a.m. at Bordwell Park, 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd. (Food is available while supplies last.)

July 2 – Backpack Supply Drive – Help area children get ready for school by donating backpacks filled with paper, pencils, pens, binders, glue, crayons. Either a complete backpack or individual supplies are welcome from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Harvest Christian Fellowship Parking Lot, 6115 Arlington Ave.

July 3 – What do you love about Riverside Parks? Share what you love about Riverside parks and make sure to tag #SpiritofRiverside.

July 4 – Bike with the Mayor – Join Mayor Bailey to celebrate Independence Day with a ride through our beautiful city, starting at 10 a.m. at Arlington Heights Sports Park - 9401 Cleveland Ave. Prizes will be awarded for most patriotic family and best-decorated bike.

“As families try to navigate safely through the COVID-19 pandemic, these events provide many opportunities to celebrate our nation’s birth,” Mayor Pro Tem Erin Edwards said. “I look forward to seeing how Riversiders from all over our city show the #SpiritofRiverside.”

For the latest information and resources regarding COVID-19 -- [www.RiversideCA.gov/COVID-19](http://www.RiversideCA.gov/COVID-19)